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INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS BRANCH

This branch has two principal missions: (1) To follow certain subjects which cut across the fields of interests of the various branches; (2) To provide certain common services to the branches that will free the analysts therein from various day-to-day problems, thus giving them more time to devote to uninterrupted economic research. These common services include spot translations, liaison, coordination of basic studies, and preparation of daily and weekly briefs.

The following is a breakdown of the functions of the Industrial Projects Branch:

Special Staff

In the past this organization has frequently been called upon by other groups within CIA and by other agencies to furnish rush reports on all phases of industrial equipment. Demands for such reports can be anticipated in the future, and many of them will transcend the purview of individual branches. A Special Staff is needed with a general knowledge of manufacturing to handle these overall manufacturing reports, thus minimizing the interference with the work of the branches which would result from handling the reports on a piecemeal basis.

Area Study Section

The industrial production of certain Satellite countries such as Bulgaria, Rumania, and Poland can only be followed adequately on

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an area, rather than a functional basis. In addition there are certain large combines such as Skoda, Uralmash, and Novo-kramatorsk which have such a diversified production of industrial and military items that they can only be followed in their entirety. Analysts in the Area Study Section will work with the respective branches but will be primarily responsible for covering the entire production of the areas and special organizations assigned to them.

Daily and Weekly Briefings

The Industrial Projects Branch will be responsible for the preparation of division daily and weekly briefings. Since many of these briefs will cut across branch lines, it is necessary that responsibility for the preparation be centralized in one group.

Conversion and Check List

Conversion of industrial establishments in the Soviet orbit to war production provides an important indicator of Soviet intentions. This subject should also be followed by a single group to which the various branches will channel information dealing with conversion in the installations which they are following. Other check list items will also be channeled to this group.

Stockpiling

Stockpiling of industrial equipment and munitions provides another indicator of Soviet intentions. This group will attempt to determine what items are being stockpiled in the Soviet orbit, relative magnitude and location of such stockpiles.

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Basic Study Coordination

This division has programmed a series of basic studies on the production of various types of industrial equipment and munitions in the Soviet orbit. Coordination of these studies within the Division and with the other divisions of O/RR will be centralized in the Industrial Projects Branch. ✓

Translation

Several translators familiar with the area languages are to be available for spot translations for the various branches, for scanning foreign language materials to determine what items should be further exploited by FDD, and for reviewing indexes of new foreign language publications to determine which of these publications shall be procured for the Division. ✓

Liaison

The branch will be responsible for contact with other divisions and offices of CIA and with other agencies. It will follow closely the activities of other groups to avoid duplication of effort, will learn the capabilities of these groups to provide evaluated or unevaluated intelligence material to the Division, and will work with OCD in the pursuance of these duties. ✓

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